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Hotel Swimming Pool-Based Events: Health and Safety Measures

As your partner in working together to maintain a safe and healthy environment the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD) would like to take this opportunity to reinforce some of your responsibilities as a pool permit holder to ensure a safe and healthy experience for your guests.

MCESD understands that "Pool Parties" are popular during the summer at local hotels, resorts or other lodging facilities. MCESD is concerned solely with pools being used in compliance with the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code so that our bathers have a safe and healthy experience.

Some activities that may cause non-compliance:

- Out of range chemical disinfection levels due to bather loads/capacities
- Blocked or obstructed walkways directly around the pool. Unobstructed walkways of at least 4 feet will allow for extraction in the event of an emergency
- Gates propped open or otherwise not self-closing or other activities which may allow unaccompanied children into the pool enclosure
- Safety equipment being removed from the pool enclosure or not readily accessible
- Food or drink being brought directly into the pool or adjacent walkway
- Glass brought into the pool enclosure

The Department does have an established variance program should a permit holder like to allow activities outside the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code, such as allowing bathers to bring drinks into the pool. Details and applications are available on our website.

Semi-public pools are not required to have lifeguards on duty by Maricopa County Environmental Health Code. However, due to increased number of people in the pool during a "Pool Party", the presence of a life guard -while not required- would be recommended.

For more information, please refer to the Maricopa County Health Code (Chapter V-Bathing Places- Public and Semi Public Swimming Pools) at:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/AboutUs/HealthCode.aspx>

If you have questions, you may call MCESD's Swimming Pools Program at: 602-506-1069.